

ponds at Grid Ref., (NY01.11) I found a specimen of *Donacia vulgaris* Zschach at rest on a leaf of Broad-leaved pondweed, (*Potamogeton natans* L.) in shallow water near the edge of the pond.

In personal communication from Dr. Michael Cox (Commonwealth Institute of Entomology) apparently this is a new record for the beetle from Cumbria, and it also establishes a new record for vice county 70. *D. vulgaris* is known from a number of vice counties throughout England and Wales and from two in Scotland, Midlothian and Banffshire. Its distribution also extends to Ireland, where Johnson and Halbert (1902, *Proc. R. Ir. Acad.* 6: 758) recorded it from the following V-C's, H21, H23, H37, H38 & H39. The main foodplants of *D. vulgaris* are *Typha* (Reedmace) and *Sparganium* (Bur-Reed).

I wish to thank Dr. Cox for very kindly identifying the specimen of *D. vulgaris* and for information concerning the vice county records. — R. W. J. READ, 43 Holly Terrace, Hensingham, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 8RF.

THE PAINTED LADY: CYNTHIA CARDUI L. — On April 1st (after mid-day!) 1985, on a wild wet day in Plymouth, not far from the docks area, I watched a reasonably good specimen of this butterfly wandering around the streets before coming to rest in the sheltered interior of a parked car bumper-bar. — A. ARCHER-LOCK, 4 Glenwood Road, Mannamead, Plymouth, Devon.

THE ORANGE-TIP: ANTHOCHARIS CARDAMINES L. IN WEST LOTHIAN. — There appears to be a small colony of this butterfly on this estate. On May 20th 1984, I saw two males here on two separate occasions in the same stretch of lane, and found an egg on *Alliaria officinalis* (Garlic Mustard). I have lived on Hopetoun Estate since 1959, but this was the first time I have seen the butterfly here or elsewhere in W. Lothian. — GEORGE CAMPBELL, North End House, Hopetoun Estate, South Queensferry, EH309SL, Scotland.

FESTUCA ARUNDINACEA: A FOODPLANT OF COSMIOTES STABILELLA FREY AND ELACHISTA BISULCELLA DUPONCHEL. — On 10th. September 1982 I found a yellowish larva with a light brown head and plate mining *Festuca arundinacea* at Axmouth, Devon. The next day at Beer, Devon I found a similar larva and several empty mines in the same grass. Both larvae pupated very soon within a slight cocoon. On emergence on 24th. and 30th. September 1982 respectively they proved to be *Cosmiotes stabilella*.

From 19th. June to 6th. July 1983 I bred the species from several larvae found mining *F. arundinacea* at Seaton, Devon on 21st. May and at Axmouth on 21st. June 1983. Most larvae mined towards the tip of a blade and usually there was only one mine to a blade but sometimes there were two.

Emmet, A. M. (1979, *A Field Guide to the Smaller British Lepidoptera*) gives February to May for the larva and May to July